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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Gary L. CUMMINGS, Young-Jin LEE, James L. PLATT, Jr.,
Matthew HIKADE, and Vernell STORNES
CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE
PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE
Assignee: 1) VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION
2) ARVESTA CORPORATION¹
Our Ref: A8735

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/988,702 (Confirmation No. 9095) filed November 20, 2001 of Gary L. CUMMINGS, Young-Jin LEE, James L. PLATT, Jr., Matthew HIKADE, and Vernell STORNES entitled CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification (70 pages), including the claims and abstract, two (2) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1616.

Amend the specification by deleting the paragraph under the heading "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" on page 1 of the application, and replace it with the following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/988,702, filed November 20, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/259,300, filed March 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,337,323, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,714, filed December 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,013,272, all of which claim benefit and priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following two United States Provisional Applications: Serial No. 60/033,572 filed December 19, 1996 and Serial No. 60/039,504 filed March 4, 1997.

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Each of the foregoing applications and provisional applications is incorporated herein by reference.--

Benefit and priority are claimed from each of the above-identified applications and provisional applications.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows, based on entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment:

Total claims	<u>15</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Base Fee							<u>\$770.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE							<u>\$856.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$ \$856.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed during the pendency of the above-referenced parent application, which was allowed on March 29, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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